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Examiner: Victor X. Nguyen

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- ☒ Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; 11 References; and Check for \$180.00
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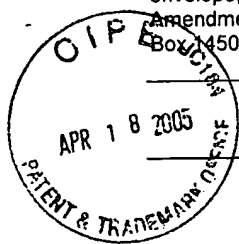
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**SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir;

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references G1 – G95 in the appended tables.

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For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (three sheets), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(as modified by the Commissioner's Notice dated October 12, 2004).

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicants wish to inform the Examiner that cited publications, presentations, drawings, and photos correspond to commonly assigned US Patent Application 10/098,167, filed on March 12, 2002, which is related to the present application. Applicants invite the Examiner to review the contents of the above-mentioned applications and the art cited therein.

Applicants are not aware of any official English translations for some of the cited references. As such, Applicants are hereby providing brief statements which are drawn solely from their respective English-language abstracts, English-language translated independent claims, and/or the drawings.

In regard to EP 0 659 955 B1, based solely on the English claims, the drawings and the attached English language Abstract this reference is pertinent because it seems to be directed to a scaffold structure. The scaffold structure is preferably for working on facades or similar structure with stanchions arranged in parallel to one another which are connected in the manner of a ladder by cross members on which platforms may be suspended at the same level by means of hooks.

In regard to DE 38 38 253 A1 and based on the drawings and the English language translation of the Abstract, this reference is pertinent because it seems to be directed to a suction ring. The suction ring of the application is intended to fixedly hold the human eye during surgery. Whereas hitherto, only rings without suction permitted the intraocular pressure to remain unchanged or whereas the suction rings used for a desired increase of the pressure comprised a hollow profile that was open towards the inside, the ring of the present application permits secure fixation of the eye without deforming the eyeball or increasing the internal pressure. The ring comprises an outer rectangular profile (1) which carries an inner member (2) that rests against the eye, extends annularly, has a triangular cross-section and leaves two channels via webs (4) between the inner member (2) and the ring wall (1) in order to achieve a reduced pressure. The circularly extending inner wall (2) lying between the two channels rests against the eye and avoids deformation of the eye by the fixing suction. Fixation of the ring on the eye is guaranteed by the two suction channels (3) without it being possible for the eye wall to be drawn into the hollow profile. The suction is generated by an external vacuum source through the hollow handle (6). The central ring opening (7) can be used to receive additional concentric rings which permit guidance of a knife.

In regard to FR 2 691 625 A3 and based solely on the drawings and the attached English language Abstract this reference is pertinent because it seems to be directed to a disposable trocar (or trochar). The disposable trochar is made from a fiber-reinforced plastic produced by injection, compression or vacuum-injection molding, or from a fiber-reinforced crystalline polymer. The plastic used for the trochar is a thermo-setting plastic

selected from e.g. polyesters, polyamides, polycarbonates, polystyrenes and copolymer sates of styrene or other monomers or it can be made from a thermoplastic selected from polyesters, melamine epoxy plastics and polyurethanes. The reinforcing fibers can be of glass, at least 5 mm long and 8-50 microns thick, forming 30-75% by vol. of the plastic. The trochar is in the shape of a bar with one end (1) shaped to receive a drainage tube, a curve (4) and a pointed tip (5) at the other end formed by two flat surfaces at an acute angle.

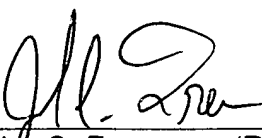
Further, Applicants reserve the right to contest any of these references as prior art against the present application, and Applicants do not believe that the disclosure of these references, even if finally determined to be prior art, anticipates Applicants' invention or that these references make Applicants' invention obvious.

Applicants are submitting pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (c) a fee as set forth in § 1.17(p) so that the present Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement will be considered. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson and Lione account number 23-1925.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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